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Gentlemen:

On November 2nd I sent you a manuscript in the form of a letter to the Editors, entitled "Isolation of Biochemically Deficient Mutants of Bacteria by Penicillin". As was stated in the accompanying letter, it was hoped that this paper could be published simultaneously with a note on essentially the same method which had been sent you shortly before by Dr. J. Lederberg of the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Lederberg now informs me that his manuscript has been rejected by you. Since it is very desirable that we publish our two notes side by side, I should like to withdraw my manuscript unless you would be willing to reconsider Dr. Lederberg's paper in the light of mine, which is now under consideration. We both feel that this technic very distinctly enhances the value of bacterial mutants as tools in biochemistry, and would prefer to see these papers called to the attention of biochemists.

Sincerely yours,

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